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Re: Application of Takafumi ATARASHI and Katsuto NAKASUTA
CONSOLIDATED MATERIAL OF COATED POWDERS AND PROCESS
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME
Assignee: NITTETSU MINING CO., LTD., Katsuto NAKATSUKA
Our Ref: Q53451

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/254,005 (Confirmation No. Unassigned) filed on March 1, 1999 of Takafumi ATARASHI and Katsuto NAKASUTA entitled CONSOLIDATED MATERIAL OF COATED POWDERS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1773.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on April 27, 2001 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from August 29, 1996 based on JP Application No. P. Hei. 8-228713. The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/254,005 and acknowledged in Paper No. 6.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	6 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$710.00

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A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/254,005. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK
& SEAS, PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Rosner', written over a horizontal line.

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